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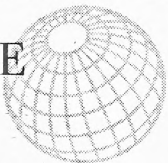


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BIZARRE NEWS



North Pole, Alaska post office is busy with letters for Santa

Every Christmas, the town of North Pole, Alaska, becomes a Postal Service hotspot. Last year, nearly 120,000 letters addressed to Santa Claus were delivered to the small town, CNN said on its website.

CNN reports that letters came from 26 countries, and if their senders included a return address, a personalized reply letter was sent complete with a North Pole postmark. The U.S. Postal Service says even stampless letters make their way to the jolly, red Claus.

Postal supervisor, Debra Cornelius says this makes Christmas magical for children.

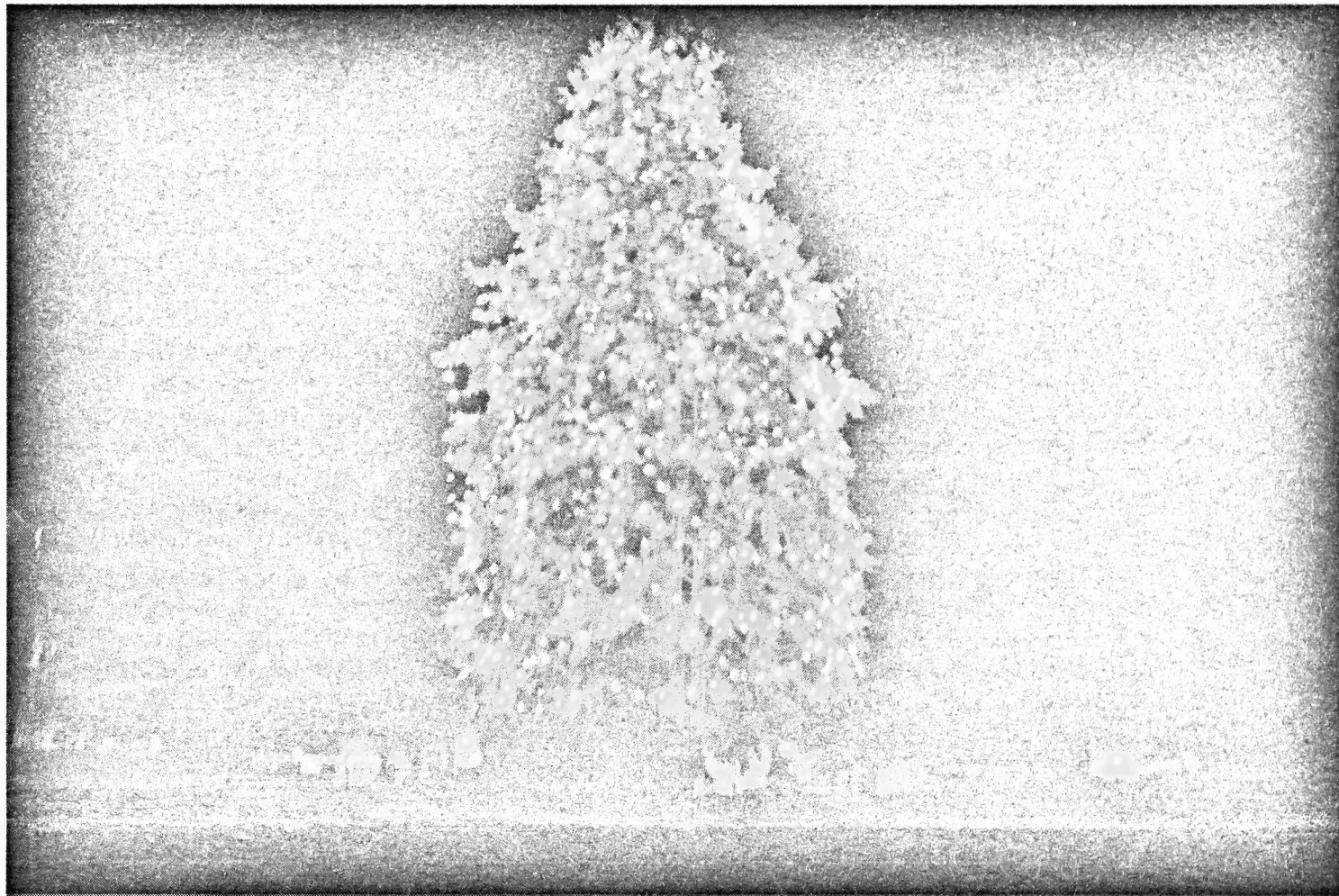
New holiday food item: reindeer hot dog

A suburban Chicago man got a new idea, with a not-so Christmas twist, for his hot dog stand while visiting Alaska a few years ago, according to CNN.

Reindeer hot dogs are the newest menu items at Fred Markoff's hot dog restaurant, and they come complete with the standard grilled onions and mustard.

Made in Alaska, the hot dogs actually contain some beef and pork, because as CNN reports, reindeer meat is lean and dry.

Markoff also offers smoked alligator-and-pork sausages and buffalo bratwursts at his stand in Glenview.



Olivet's lighted campus reminds students and faculty that a semester is almost over and Christmas is right around the corner.

Photo by Denton Hird/Staff

ASC announces new policy for campus clubs

By Luke Smith

News Writer

Starting in the fall semester next year, the Associated Student Council (ASC) will implement new requirements for all campus clubs and organizations.

The new policy will apply to those clubs just beginning and those already established. The new rules will be implemented to streamline the communication process between clubs and ASC.

ASC officers say that increased student interest in extra-curricular involvement, particularly in areas of social justice is one reason behind the need for change.

In previous years, organizations at Olivet were required to do very little in order to be supported by ASC, which earned them eligibility for financial support and facilities usage. Former ASC

Administrative Assistant, Casey Lacher, was the first student council member to recognize the need for an improved system that allowed students to be recognized for their value to the campus community.

However, since then, the current council has

restrictions.

The new 3-tier system uses different requirements at each level of eligibility. At the first level, the "Start-up" level, groups will be required to remain active for two semesters and produce active portfolios. In addition, they will receive \$100 from

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» LINDSEY KLINE
A.S.C. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

acknowledged the lack of working relationships and accountability among clubs, and decided to develop a system where organizations have more benefits and fewer

ASC funds to offset the cost of becoming an established club. In applying for the next stage, "Standard," clubs are not required to maintain monthly updates which, according to

ASC Administrative Assistant Lindsey Kline, will save much of the paperwork.

"We don't want to have to deal with that [paperwork] and neither do they," Kline said. "This way, groups that have been established for two semesters or more, but maybe don't have to hold open membership, can have the benefits of the facilities without the monthly updates."

The "Standard" stage also allows organizations to petition for ASC funds and receive entry into the *Aurora* yearbook.

A handful of clubs will enter the new system at the final level: "Privileged." Clubs in this category are the most established, with a minimum of two years in existence. In addition, they are required to

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NEW POLICY

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have open membership and must have a minimum of 20 members. These clubs receive \$300 per school year and the chance to petition for more if necessary, access to all ASC facilities and a benefit fundraiser each year with publicity.

Some of the groups likely to enter in the

"Privileged" category will include International Justice Mission (IJM), Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE), Green Room and the Multi-Ethnic Relations Committee (MERC). Kline also said the Biology Club might fall in this category, along with the highly-active political science group known as The Capitol Hill Gang.

Kline emphasized the importance of relationships

and communication in this policy.

"ASC needs to know what's going on with the student body. That's what it's for. This system makes that easier," Kline said. "At the privileged level, there will be only a few clubs, so we can have a closer relationship with them."

Members of the ASC Executive Council along with Associate Dean for Community Life Kathy Steinacker were

involved in reformatting the policy, as were Kline, Vice President for Finance Ben Smidt, and Student Body President Aaron Payne.

The ASC council is looking forward to these changes, which they expect will help them work with the student body as opposed to above it.

Kline said, "We're not just a government, we're a council and that means communication is really important."

Who's Who honors go to thirty-five ONU seniors

By Stephanie Simpson

News writer

Thirty-five Olivet seniors were recently elected by students and faculty to the 2007 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* for their strong commitment to community and academics.

The honor of being elected symbolizes a pinnacle of scholastic achievement, according to the *Who's Who* website. In an excerpt from its website, it reads, "This procedure of local nomination serves to highlight the individual and diverse service to community and school."

The website also states, "These are the young adults who enhance the positive image of youth. College students are the reservoir from which the nation draws its leadership strength."

Students who were elected participated in athletics, student government, community service or campus organizations, in addition to being academically strong in the classroom.

The winners were: Angie Beauvais, Andrew Kizzee, Aaron Payne, Briana Kassebaum, Bekah McCoy,

them."

Several students were thrilled but surprised to receive the honor.

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Ben Smidt, Christina Lopez, Chris Sanders, David Rucker, Dana Scheller, Jordan Bumgarner, Russell Funk, Shane Wesley, Christian Sanchez, Deborah Zwirkoski, Emily Benson, Jessica Tuttle, Kevin Sandell, Katie Zurcher, Lindsey Bailey, Lisa Denault, Luke Smith, Megan Gullickson, Matt Scheibel, Marcus Winn, Sarah McDevitt, Erin Hall, Liz Hollenberg, Emily Waltrip, Gary Bishir, Julia Bridges, Matt Soulia, Ryan Holcomb, Rebecca Ibrahim, Ryan Quanstrom, Tyler Mowry and Wes McKain.

Student Body President and newly inducted member Aaron Payne said, "The greatest honor is that my peers think this of me, so thanks to all of

each one of my professors thought that the paper I turned in late to them was an isolated incident."

Students are eligible for the *Who's Who* honor if they possess a cumulative grade point average of 2.7 or higher, are a senior undergraduate student displaying involvement in campus activities, contributing to their

community, setting a strong spiritual example, illustrating leadership and setting goals for themselves.

Honorees are elected from over 2,300 participating academic institutions across the nation.

The honor includes a plaque, a booklet listing the *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, and a commemorative key engraved with the initials of the recipient.

Created in 1934 by Pettus Randal, a student at the University of Alabama, the *Who's Who* award was created to recognize students for their accomplishments. The first volume of the *Who's Who Among Students* was released in 1966 and has continued publication every year since.

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Athlete doesn't let disability hinder success

By Jarrett Roloff

Variety writer

The home crowd grew silent. Any hope of winning their first victory in seven games depended on the right foot of Olivet Nazarene University senior kicker Matt Soulia.

After failing to convert a 29-yard field goal earlier in the quarter, Soulia received another chance to break the 10-10 tie with a minute remaining in the game.

Lining up from the right hash of the 16-yard line, Soulia took two steps back from the ball, then stepped another pair to his left. Next, as he had done so often before, Soulia kicked the ball through the center of the uprights.

The Tigers earned their first win of the season.

A 26-yard field goal probably never felt longer. But for Soulia, a field goal of this distance is only one of many tests he has faced since birth. The 21-year-old athlete was born with a nub-shaped

left hand, or what his parents like to call his "little hand."

Soulia, however, doesn't think of himself as challenged.

"It's all I've ever known," Soulia said. "It hasn't really affected me that much. I kind of just adapted to live with it. It has not really held me back from anything I've wanted to do."

Many people don't even notice the defect.

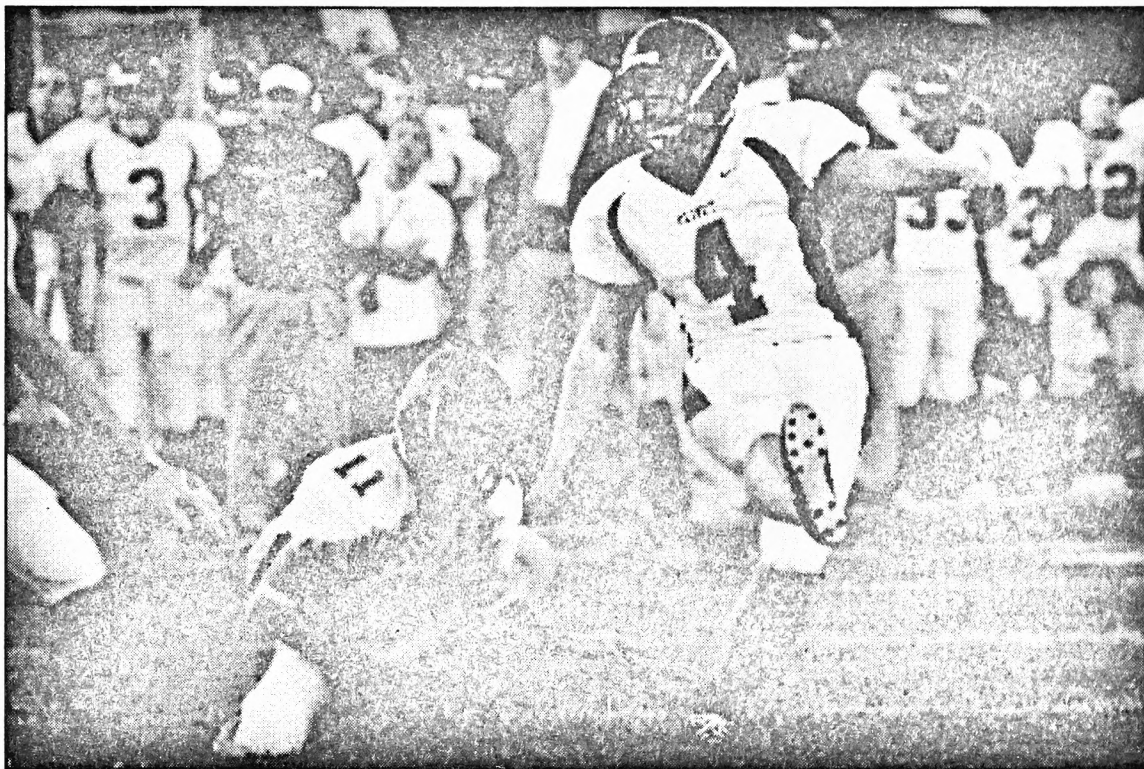
In high school, a girl who sat by him in class did not realize he was without a left hand until near the end of the semester.

What has been noticeable, however, is Soulia's success in a variety of sports. While attending Flushing High School in Michigan, he participated in baseball, track, basketball and football.

But being an athlete did not come without its challenges.

Baseball was by far the toughest.

Soulia grew up down the street from Major League pitcher Jim Abbott, who



Olivet kicker Matt Soulia (right) has always been athletic, despite having a nub-shaped hand. Here, he performs at a football game. **Submitted Photo**

lives without a right hand. The former All-Star southpaw had an elaborate system of fielding the ball, which Soulia learned to imitate.

Soulia holds the glove in his right hand to field the ball. After receiving the ball, he immediately switches the glove to his left armpit, takes the ball out and throws it using his right hand.

Football, on the other hand, has come easier. In sixth grade, he earned a spot as a kicker and hasn't stopped since. And hitting last minute field goals didn't start at Olivet either.

As a member of the junior varsity squad in high school, Soulia kicked a game-winning field goal with no time remaining. In his varsity years, he was an All-State kicker, breaking a Conference record with a 51-yard field goal. His illustrious high school career landed him a spot on ONU's team where he red-shirted

his freshmen year. Soulia was later named National Christian College Athletic Association All-American in 2005.

Soulia's hard work and humble attitude is apparent not only on the field. He displays a strong Christian faith in his day-to-day activities, according to his family and teammates. His sister Brooke says, "He's very much a servant and always thinks of other people before himself."

Brooke says she's seen God work in her brother as he performs both inside and

outside his comfort zones.

"I really see my brother drawing strength from the Lord," she says. "He's one of the few guys God has placed in my life from a very young age that's been able to show me what a godly man is supposed to be like."

Currently finishing a major in youth ministry, Soulia plans to spend a few years on the mission field after graduation.

Tiger lineman Joe Little says, "[Matt is] a great teammate, a great person, a great Christian, and a great kicker."

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Wife of professor enrolls as student

By Amanda Shelley

Variety Writer

Karen Green appears to be like any other college student. She has to balance the demanding load of academic life, work and friends. But life as a college student, especially on a Christian campus, is about much more than textbooks, essays or art projects.

In fact, Karen even struggled with the decision of whether or not to attend Olivet. She told herself and others that she would never come here. But God had different plans for this wife and mother.

Karen graduated from a local community college with an associate's degree, but was never quite satisfied and wondered what it was that God had in store for her life.

"There were many times when I'd go to chapel service and think, 'Okay, God what do you want me to do?' I'm 38 years old," Green said. "So, I just decided to come here."

She enrolled as a psychology major, and she still has to take all required classes in order to graduate in May 2007, including religion.

And math.

Karen is married to Dr. Green, professor of mathematics here at Olivet. In between being a wife and full-time mom for Mark, 16, and adopted

daughter Julisa, 9, Karen finds herself swamped with research papers, presentations and exams.

to take the same things, the religion classes and some of the other stuff, whether I want to or not," Karen explained.



Karen Green, Olivet student and the wife of Dr. Green, professor of mathematics, smiles with her daughter Julisa.

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Things, however, are not the same for Karen as they are for most other Olivet attendees. As the spouse of a professor, she has a different perspective than most traditional undergraduate students.

"Just like every other student on campus, I have

"So I get to see the professors that way from a student perspective. But then I get to see the professors from the other aspect, and hear about their families and things that they're going through."

Most of the time, Karen does

not make it a well-known fact that she is married to a faculty member. Sometimes though, she just can't resist. Like the one day two girls behind her in class were talking about the math department, and mentioned Dr. Green.

"I just couldn't resist. I turned around and said 'I'm married to Dr. Green.' Usually when students find out I'm married to Dr. Green, they freak out. A lot of students don't think I'm married and have kids."

Karen also got to experience what her husband is like as a professor. Last summer, she had to take a math class from him.

"It was weird because the first day of class, most professors introduce themselves and give their background. I already know his background," Karen said. "And I've heard all of his jokes."

At times, she said, she sounded more like a wife than a student. She'd hear about it later at home, but most of it stayed in the classroom. And despite her husband's jokes that he would fail her, she ended up with a B+ in the class.

In some ways, Karen is a traditional student, but in other ways she is not. She encourages students to get involved in campus activities, because as a wife and a

mom, extracurriculars are not something she's been able to do frequently.

"As a student, you should get involved in as many things as the university has to offer. That is one thing, as a mom and off-campus Olivetian; I'm limited to what kinds of activities I can get involved in."

Karen also encourages students to pray for the faculty.

"You never know what is going on in their lives and it could be your prayer that helps them through a hard spot."

She personally has experienced the benefits of knowing students have a heart for the professors.

"I know several years ago I was going through a very difficult time - it was such a difficult time that my husband mentioned it to his students, and other faculty members of course. In any case, it really helped to know that there were students that cared enough to pray for our family."

Karen represents that behind each face, each life, there is a story. As finals approach, it's good to remember that students aren't the only reason Olivet exists.

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Students tackle holiday shopping

By Tracey Wangler

A&E writer

Thanksgiving is gone and the Christmas season has arrived, along with the excitement and chaos of gift-buying.

When most think of Christmas shopping, they picture crowded malls, long lines, difficulty parking and completely unorganized sales racks.

As always, big bargains drew in many early shoppers this year. These shoppers waited in lines for hours and frantically dashed for popular products as soon as store doors opened.

This year, the chaos began even earlier with the launching of the PlayStation 3 on Nov. 7.

Despite the frenzy over the new system, the General Manager of the Best Buy in Bradley, Brian Krzyzak, said that purchasing process was very organized.

"We posted signs a few days ahead, and a line formed the night before. One hour before we opened, we handed out the amount of tickets of systems the store had to keep it organized," Krzyzak said. "We received the most PS3 systems in the area. We receive fifteen to thirty systems everyday. Very few people didn't receive a system. If someone didn't get a system, then we gave them a gift certificate for one hundred dollars."

But, according to Krzyzak, there is definitely a lot more traffic this year with a lot of gift buying, and the company as whole has benefited.

Youth ministry major Jessica Swanson said, "On the day after Thanksgiving, I was standing in line at Best Buy in Rockford, Ill., at 3 in the morning until 5, when it opened. There was a ton of people in front of us and it was crazy. There were people there

earlier and they had brought chairs and blankets and beds. They were giving out tickets for special deals on computers and cameras and TVs."

Even though big name stores get the early bird shoppers, little consignment shops will also feel the chaos of the holidays.

Elementary education major Katie Sullivan, a Sequels employee says, "There are many more men coming in to get gift certificates for their wives, which is really cute. We also sell more of our jewelry and purses because those are new. Many people do come in to drop off clothes to make a little extra Christmas money or to get outfits for parties, so that does keep us busy. I believe the Home store also keeps busy with people coming in."

The extreme chaos is the essence of Christmas shopping to at least one Olivetian, who

would not give up the stress and hurry of the Christmas season.

"Although holiday shopping is chaotic, I think that it is neat how cities come alive during the Christmas season," elementary education major Brittany Letkzus said.

The stress that comes along with gift-giving can be overwhelming. Students have to make some decisions with the time constraints. Some want to avoid the crowds as much as possible.

Spanish and English major David Bolton said, "I did all of my shopping on Black Friday [the Friday after Thanksgiving] early in the morning. It was early, but now I don't have to deal with any of the crowds at the mall. I hate the pushy people and the guessing at whether or not the store will have your item."

Psychology major Jason Athialy says, "I haven't done

any shopping yet, I've thought about what things I want to buy for people, but I have avoided spending money and running around so far. I just haven't gotten around to it really. There hasn't been an opportunity for me to go shopping while at school. I didn't want to have to fight with all the crowds right after thanksgiving, so I decided to wait until I go home after finals."

But, there are some that cannot wait to begin shopping for their loved ones.

Communications major Matt Bowman says, "My holiday shopping has been a success. I love the Christmas season and how it provokes us to give. I had my family and close friend's gifts bought and wrapped before Thanksgiving. So from Thanksgiving Day to Christmas Day, I just enjoy the spirit and people and the real meaning of Christmas."

Holiday concert combines more ensembles

By Luke Smith

A&E writer

Celebrating the holidays, the Olivet music department performed the "Sounds of the Season" concert on Dec. 7 and Dec. 8 in Kresge auditorium.

Dr. Don Reddick, chair of the Division of Fine Arts and Music Department, is responsible for organizing much of the event, in conjunction with the other music professors.

Reddick describes the concert as "a light-hearted seasonal celebration" that promises to keep an audience entertained

Karen Ball as just one of the main attractions.

Although the department performs this concert annually, audience members were in for a new treat this year,

"The music department has taken big steps forward with their ensembles this year," said singer and instrumentalist Kristen Erdahl.

She added, "Something new this year is the opener and closing of the show, where all the groups are combined for each ensemble. It's good because you get to see



A variety of ensembles perform during the "Sounds of the Season" concert in Kresge Auditorium on Dec. 7 and Dec. 8.

Photo by Arissa Beck

"The music department has taken big steps forward with their ensembles this year. ... Something new this year is the opener and closing of the show, where all the groups are combined for each ensemble."

» KRISTEN ERDAHL

with a comical twist thrown into some Christmas classics.

Before the show, Reddick highlighted the musical interpretation of White Christmas performed by Dr. Gerald Anderson and Dr.

everyone on stage at once. It's cool for me because I get to play and sing different pieces for each ensemble."

Reddick also commented on the changes to the program.

"We do have the new combined members' ensembles

this year, but each year is a little different anyway. We make changes to the concert each year," he said.

Senior music and psychology major Jason Athialy described his experience with the Sounds of the Season concert.

"I really enjoyed it. There was a nice variety because all the music departments were involved," he said.

According to Erdahl, this concert took much time and preparation.

"It definitely takes a couple of weeks in advance to prepare

and rehearse. It's a huge production and it takes time to

get all the timing right and the scheduling of all the different performers."

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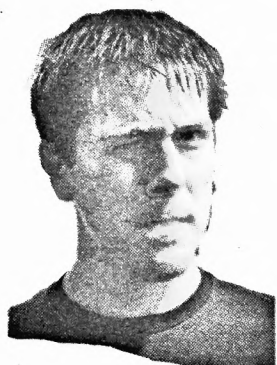


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Dinner & a movie

Dave reviews "The Nativity Story" and TGI Fridays



By Dave Fowler

A&E columnist

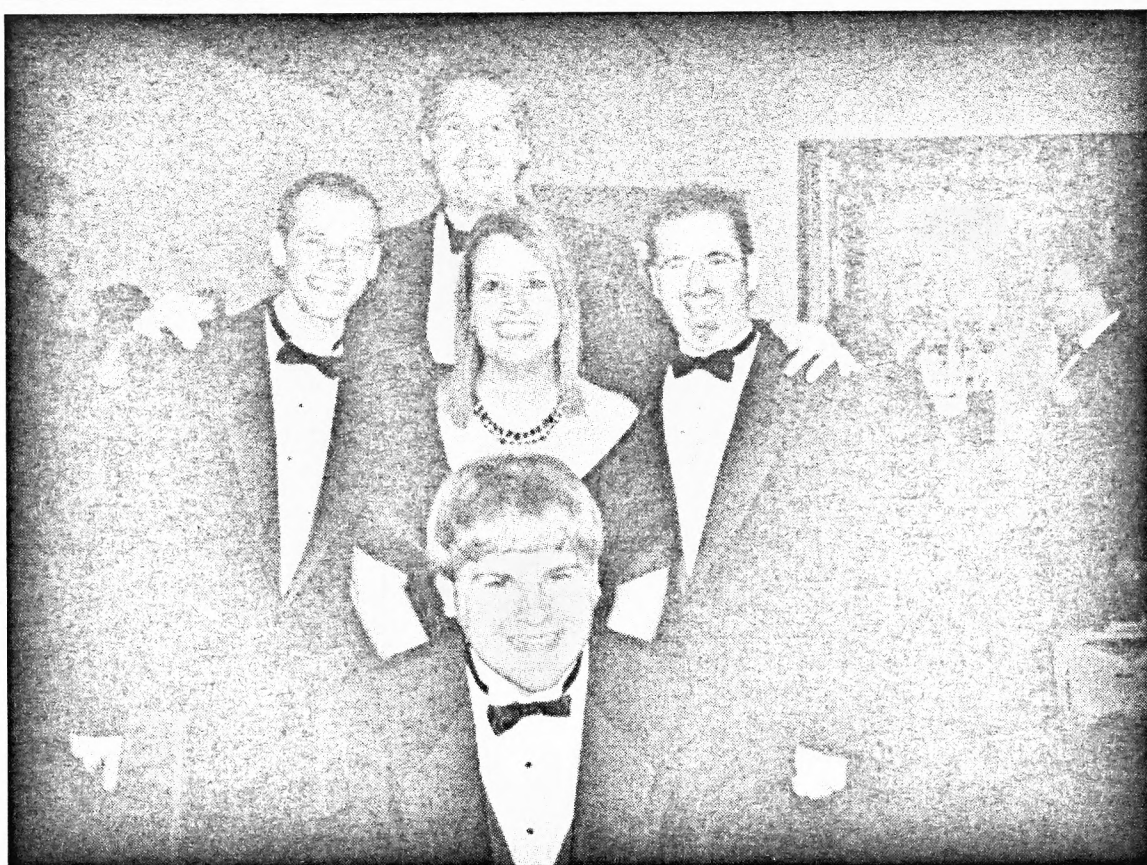
Holly jolly Christmas everyone! It's time to deck the halls, build snowmen and hang mistletoe. It's also time to go to the movies. In the spirit of Christmas, I decided to see "The Nativity Story." As you can imagine, this movie is about the events leading up to the birth of Christ. I must say, I am quite proud that the movie industry is putting out more movies centered on a Christ motif. Since Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ," I believe that Christian movies are starting to get less and less cheesy. Although "The Nativity Story" is not quite as good as "The Passion of the Christ," I still recommend seeing it. It brings us into the lives of Mary and Joseph, showing us an interesting perspective of how they lived and acted toward each other.

I really enjoyed the movie's Biblical accuracy mixed with unique interpretation. I found myself really identifying with Joseph, who is often forgotten in the midst of Mary, the angels, shepherds and the wise men. He is portrayed very realistically and it made me appreciate all that Joseph contributed in the story about Jesus. I hope you can appreciate the actor's

portrayal of Joseph as well. However, I do caution you, my ever-so-lovable reader, the script of "The Nativity Story" is somewhat lacking. I think the screenwriter could have stepped it up a notch and written some better lines. Another con about the movie is that the acting reminds me of those old '50s and '60s epics, like "Lawrence of Arabia" or "The Ten Commandments." However, I encourage you to see it.

Speaking of Christmas, let us not forget that Good Friday is just around the corner. Well, perhaps a few corners. But still, that leads to my restaurant of choice: good ole' TGI Friday's. Have you ever wondered what to do with all that money that Gammy and Pappy send you for Christmas? I say, blow it all on Friday's with a group of friends, or a hot date. Friday's is right across the road from the mall, and it has amazing food. You'll definitely like their ribs and steak. It has a really fun atmosphere and a diverse menu.

But if you don't have a lot of money, I recommend their burgers or wild wings. If you have a lot of cash to blow, get their famous Jack Daniel's entrees. These entrees include ribeye and New York steak, salmon, chicken or shrimp, served with Jack Daniel's signature sauce. Oh man, it's amazing stuff. Wouldn't you agree? What's that? You've never been to Friday's? That's as absurd as plan nine from outer space! Put down your PS3 controller and go find yourself a lucky date and take him or her to Friday's. You won't regret it.



Members of Olivet's Orpheus Choir Sam Griggs (left), Jacob Chastain (back), Chelsea McKay (center) Jerrod Covert (right) and organ player Mathew Gerhard (front) smile after their final performance of "Messiah" last Saturday.

Under the direction of Dr. Jeff Bell, professor of music, the concert was held Friday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2 in Kresge Auditorium at 7 p.m. "Messiah," filled with themes of Christ's birth, death and resurrection, was composed by George Frederick Handel. Admission to this concert was free.

McKay, a soloist in the production, said five out of eight soloists this year were first-time soloists. "It was cool to hear new voices," she said.

The choir began practicing for the production in October. Rehearsals began with the choir and orchestra combined about a week before the production. McKay says preparing for the event was hard work, but worth all the effort.

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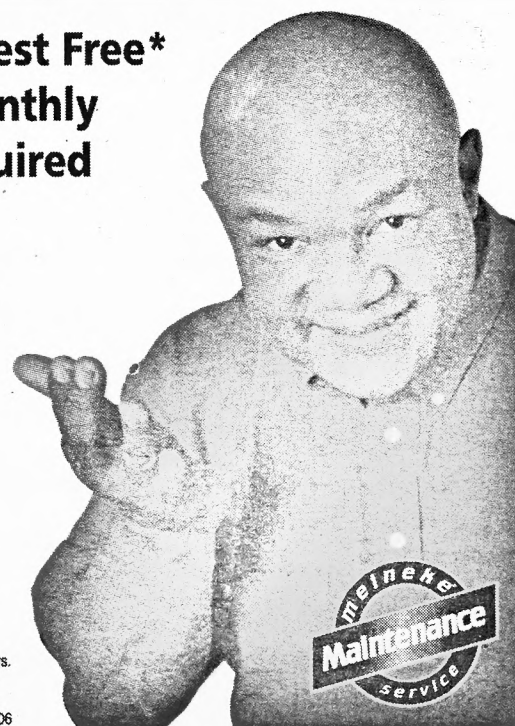
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"Oh Lord, you have searched me and you know me." Psalm 139:1

Struggling with depression? *There is hope for the seeking Christian*

By **Julia Bridges**

Spiritual Life writer

The other day, some friends and I had a conversation about depression, and we came to the conclusion that depression must occur far more frequently on our campus than most of us would let on.

Why is it that we are so afraid to talk about this common facet of life? Does the fact that our campus is supposed to be "Christian" cause us to hide our experiences of depression from others?

Perhaps those of us who strive to live up to the name "Christian" are more wary of things like depression, because we think it taints us or hinders us from being who we are supposed to be. But I believe that true Christians need not be ashamed about this, or other elements of our humanity. Instead, we can seek God even more and become who he intends us to be through our experiences of depression.

What? Can depression be a good thing?

Isn't it an obstacle to spiritual growth? How, then, can it be an aid to spiritual growth?

I am not an expert on depression, especially the physical illness known as clinical depression, but I am not afraid to face head-on what I know to be a real part of life on earth: sometimes we as humans, even

as Christians, get depressed. True, God did not intend His beloved creations to be burdened with something like depression. But, neither did

he leave us alone in our condition. He has promised redemption for all who believe in him. He has promised, and I believe, that he "works all things together for the good

of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" as Romans 8:28 says.

Being depressed can mean being afraid, feeling hopeless, guilty or without purpose. For

Christians, sometimes the worst moments come when we ac-

tually feel that we are unworthy of God's grace.

I distinctly remember a time in my life when, after trying so hard for so long to be the

ideal Christian, I finally despaired and told God, "You don't want me. I'm just not good enough, and I never will



be." In my head, I knew that this was where God's grace was to come in, yet I believed myself to be below the reach of his grace.

Slowly, God began to show me that his grace was indeed enough for me, but that I had to receive his grace in order for it to be effective. And, I could not receive his grace as long as I was insisting on earning it.

Looking back, I now see that God did not desire for me to measure up on my own, but he wanted me to acknowledge my humanity, which means to acknowledge my need of him, so that I could be in the right relationship with him; a relationship based on his grace, not my own merit or lack of merit.

This is why being a Christian does not mean being free from things like depression. God knows our frailty, yet chooses to love us still, and offers to meet our every need in Christ. Still, a Christian who is fully reliant on God's grace may face depression. Depression can be dealt with in a way

that helps us understand our relationship with God and how he intends us to trust in him as he takes care of us.

Non-clinical depression, or situational depression, can be brought on by many things: the death of a loved one, tension in relationships with others or with God, physical fatigue, the daily stresses of life and even a lack of fair weather! In my

own life, I am learning that in all of these things, there is still hope. How do we discover and make use of the hope that is available to us in Christ?

Consider the following about depression:

- **Grief.** An important thing to understand is that grieving is a natural part of life. Life brings many joys and also many sorrows. It is better to fully grieve a loss than to try to forget about it, cover up our grief with other feelings or get lost in external distractions. Ecclesiastes 3:4 instructs us to take time to mourn. Also, the Psalms are full of prayers pouring out grief and distress before God and crying out for deliverance.

- **Guilt.** We must remember that guilt is not from God. Conviction is from God who works through the Holy Spirit to show us our sins, so that we can repent and be forgiven. Guilt is from the enemy, and often the only reason it sticks

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around is because we let it. If we are depressed because we carry guilt over a sin, all we need to do is repent and confess the sin to God, and receive his free gift of forgiveness. Then, we must believe that he has forgiven us and removed our sin, and we must not carry the guilt over that sin any longer. "If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," according to 1 John 1:8-9.

• Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). It is very common, especially in a climate like Illinois where all of us lucky Olivet students get to live at least eight months out of the year, to suffer depression during certain seasons. Sometimes the best thing we can do is acknowledge that life looks a little bleak in the winter months, that stress will always build up as the school year wears on, and remember that it's only a season. While we wait for it to pass, we can make choices which help us persevere such as: get adequate sleep, eat healthy, exercise and take advantage of every possible day of sunshine that comes our way! We don't have to feel bad about lower levels of energy and motiva-

tion - we can simply adjust our schedules and do the best we can with what we've got.

• Condemnation. In Romans 8:1, the apostle Paul declares the bold truth that "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Condemnation, like guilt, is not something that God brings upon a Christian. One who is truly in Christ has no reason to be condemned. Romans 8:2 says, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death." However, we do have a choice to make. When thoughts and feelings of worthlessness and guilt come upon us, we can dwell on them, or we can consciously put them aside and claim the promises of God.

• Failure. For a young person full of hopes and dreams, and especially in an academic setting, it can be very difficult to accept failure. Who doesn't want to be perfect? Yet, who is? God does not expect us to live our whole lives without ever failing. He already knows we will mess up. He is holy, and he calls for holiness, but he knows that we cannot make ourselves holy. Through Jesus Christ, we have the opportunity to begin again after every failure, and we have the hope of one day being perfected in his image. "The one who called you is faithful, and he will do it," according to 1

Thessalonians 5:24.

Ultimately, our hope lies in God, the Creator of life! Jesus Christ "came that [we] might have life, and might have it abundantly" John 10:10. God is good! If we know nothing else, if we question all else, still we can know the true nature of God; he is good, and he loves us and always does what is best for us. Our God is patient and knows our needs as humans. He is "compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving

kindness," according to Psalm 103:8.

If you are facing depression in your life, I encourage you to read some scriptures that focus on fear, guilt, God's grace, forgiveness and hope.

Romans is a good place to start; it shows very clearly that human beings are fallen and in need of salvation. Then, it explains the basics of justification through faith in Christ. And, chapter eight is a beautiful culmination of the believer's standing and security in Christ.

The Psalms are excellent

prayers to read and pray, because they deal with real life problems and point to the reality of a God who is intimately involved in our everyday lives.

The more we understand and dwell on God's nature and his promises to us, the more his hope can fill our lives, sustain us and help us endure.

Note: Depression is a very serious issue. If you are affected by depression, Olivet has qualified staff at Counseling and Career Services who are available by appointment.

ASC donates to missions

By Bethany Sackett

Spiritual Life editor

Olivet's Associated Student Council (ASC) has given an early Christmas present totaling \$1,000 to the Missions in Action (MIA) mission fund.

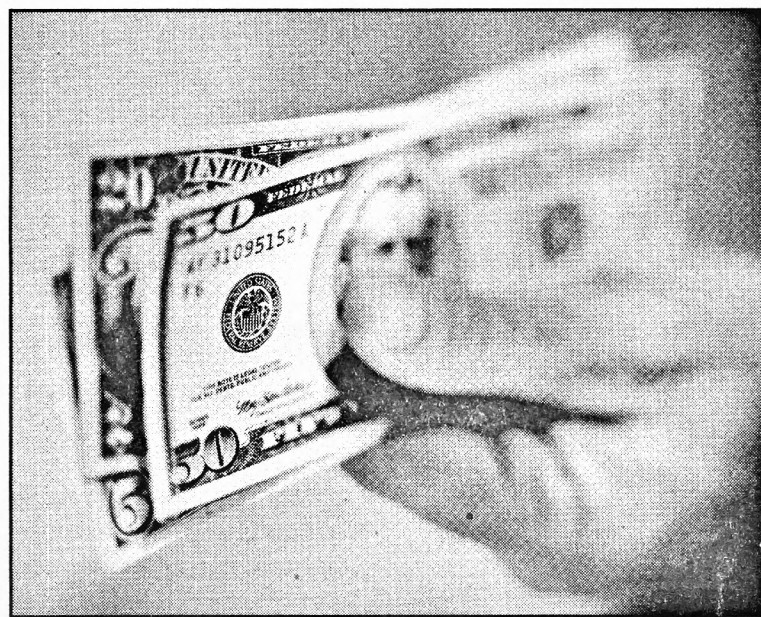
The donation is going into a pool to help offset the entire cost and will be divided among several of the trips.

The money, which came out of ASC's project fund, was given to MIA after the council saw the need of funds per student at the Oct. 19 Missions Fair.

Student Body President Aaron Payne explained that the project fund was established to help financially with larger projects such as the MIA trips. Every year, money is put into the project fund from a certain amount of each student's tuition cost.

Payne explained the recent decision.

"A student has a large amount of loans, and yet they're going to ask churches for money to be raised to go on a mission trip," he said. "When you don't have basic coverage for student loans, how can you afford to go on a mission trip?"



Director of missions in the chaplain's office Jennifer McClellan explained, "The money donated will be used to help cover the cost of a charter bus to lower the cost of the Nazarene Disaster Relief (NDR) trip to New Orleans and hopefully help more people to participate."

Last year, MIA hosted two domestic trips. This year they are hosting six both to domestic and abroad locations over spring break. They include Argentina, Brazil, Guatemala, Costa Rica, New York City and New Orleans.

McClellan said, "We're making great efforts and strides to expand and strengthen the program to include as many venues to serve as possible for every student on campus to plug in and use their education, gifts and talents." She said, "Our focus at ONU has got to be about 'giving your life away' for the sake of Christ."

This Christmas, ASC is also sending money to Orphan Care Intl. for basic necessities and to Christian Solidarity Intl. in order to buy slaves in Sudan and set them free.

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Women's volleyball ends season

NAIA National Tournament results, memories made

By Amy Kistner

Sports writer

The Lady Tiger's Volleyball team's season has come to an end with an appearance at the NAIA National Tournament.

The girls started off the season with very specific goals in mind and sought diligently to achieve them.

According to Head Coach Brenda Williams, their goals were to "play for [God], win the CCAC regular season championship, win the CCAC tournament championship, and win the Region VII tournament to qualify for nationals."

Throughout their season, the team had great success in all these areas. Williams said, "We met those goals, even after starting the season 1-7, and some injuries."

Despite early setbacks, the team kept their goals in sight and positive attitudes in heart throughout the season. This attitude helped lead to their appearance at NAIA National Volleyball Championships in Columbia, Mo., which took place Nov. 29 to Dec. 2.

"Twenty teams were invited to the championship, including the regional champions and six or seven ... teams from across the country," Williams said.

The team competed in three matches while at Nationals. They played first was against #8 Houston Baptist University (Texas), losing 23-30, 23-30, 11-30. The second match was played against #3 Concordia University (California), with scores of 30-27, 19-30, 20-30, 17-30. They finished the tournament against Hastings College (Nebraska), 20-30, 23-30, 21-30. Despite their three losses, the Tigers put up a good fight.

"We played the #3 team in the tournament Concordia, Calif. [and] lost in four games to them, ... in three games to #8 Houston Baptist and in three to #11 Hastings, Neb.," Williams said. "All three were very good teams, and all had been there before."

"We were outmanned this year in some positions, and teams had more experience than we did playing at this level," Williams said. "At that level, you can't get away with just being good; you have to step up your level of play. Now, the team knows what it will take when we go back."

The players respond positively to their appearance



The women's volleyball team takes a victory photo after clinching the CCAC title on Nov. 11. The team beat Trinity International to claim their second straight title. The team then advanced to the NAIA Tournament Semi-finals, which took place on Nov. 17-18, and led to their appearance at the NAIA National Tournament on Nov. 29-Dec. 2. The team went 0-3 at the National Tournament.

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at Nationals. According to Erin Sikora, "Making it to Nationals was awesome. I just wanted to play the best I could, and, as a team, we just wanted to play together because, when we play together, it is scary."

Going in to Nationals, Sikora kept a positive attitude. "I knew we could hang with the team there," she said. "I never once thought we would be destroyed by anyone there."

Although the Tigers came home empty-handed with a rank of 18 out of 20, they did not come back without new memories to cherish.

Freshman Stephanie Smith said, "Being there for the Champions of Character, which taught elementary school kids about good character was a good memory. Our captains, Meg Gullickson and Michelle McFadden spoke."

Coach Williams also thought the Champions of Character was a great moment.

"There were just so many memories. I know the girls have tons more to share," she said. "A fun one was the Champions of Character program we did with an elementary school in Columbia. Our girls were great

with the little kids."

Another of Smith's memories was "being able to play against Concordia. They do this thing, the Walk of Champions... where all the teams get presented," she said. "Our team got to go first, and since we walked out in twos, according to number order, I got to walk out first because I am number two."

One of Sikora's best memories was, "just being with the girls." She said, "Our team really got along pretty great and it's not everyday that you get to have or see great volleyball."


One of Coach Williams'

best memories was, "just having fun with the team on road trips." She said, "They are a fun group and easy to travel with. They are just great people."

In her memory bank Williams' includes all of the trouble the team had with buses on the way to and from Nationals.

"The 18 inches of snow at the National tournament will be a great memory; also, the bus breaking down in Omaha, and the bus breaking down up by O'Hare airport," Coach Williams said. "We spent about

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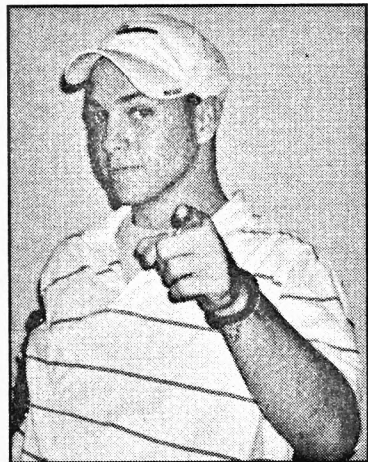
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Sports outside the bubble

Operation Miami: The necessary amputations



By Jimmy Street

Sports columnist

All season I have avoided being a Rex-basher, and even now I think that Rex Grossman has the potential to be a great quarterback in the NFL. However, I think the best bet for his success, not to mention the Bears' success in the years to come, is to sit him down for the remainder of the season.

Grossman came out of the gate this year, performing as well as any quarterback in the league. But, in the past two months, the Chicago field general has lost his touch. The Bears' record may not show it, but the productivity of the offense does.

In the opening weeks of the season, Grossman was commanding the Bears' offense with the precision of a brain surgeon, dissecting opposing defenses and leading Chicago to impressive wins on a weekly basis.

Yet, in the past two weeks, Grossman has failed to find the end zone and in the process, six of his passes have been picked off. In those two weeks, Grossman's average passer rating adds up to just a 12.4 mark.

The night these problems came to the surface was in the Monday night game against Arizona, when Grossman threw four interceptions, but the Bears still squeaked by the Cardinals by one-point on the back of Devin Hester's marvelous return.

Before the miracle in the desert, Rex had thrown 10 touchdowns and only three interceptions. However, since that point in the season, including the Cardinals' game, Grossman has thrown for eight touchdowns and a whopping 14 interceptions.

If the Bears' offense is

unable to be productive through the air down the stretch, teams can pack the box and negate the rushing attack of Thomas Jones and Cedric Benson, leaving the Bears' receivers against man coverage.

If that is the case, it could play into the Bears' hands, leaving Bernard Berrian and Muhsin Muhammed with opportunities to catch the deep ball and provide the Bears with a chance to catch on where they left off a few weeks ago.

Brian Urlacher and the Bears' defense has once again gotten this team to where they need to be; a 10-2 record and to the NFC North Championship. But, just like in any sport, defense can only take you so far.

I like the fact that Lovie Smith has showed the utmost confidence in Rex this year, but at some point, he has to face reality.

Reality is that if Grossman is continuing to misfire, yet remains the starter; the Bears are ignoring that they have something they haven't had in recent years: a viable back-up that has proven himself in the NFL.

I like Rex Grossman and I love the courage and will-power he has shown by not giving up after some of the roughest games any quarterback in the NFL has seen this season. However, I think if he has another performance this Monday night against the Rams, then it's time to try something new.

By the time this column is in print, the outcome of the St. Louis game will be decided. However, regardless of that outcome, if Rex is inconsistent and unpredictable, the Bears' chances of making the Super Bowl is equally unpredictable.

Lovie hasn't stuttered once this season, constantly repeating a line that all Bears fans have become accustomed to hearing.

"Rex is our quarterback," Smith repeats after every questionable performance.

However, if Monday night didn't yield an impressive performance from Grossman, I think those words might need to change in the near future.

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three hours at the O'Hare oasis which was fun."

According to Coach Williams, at the National tournament, there were not only great players, but also great coaches.

"We had great honorary coaches at Nationals that just treated us great," she said. "They were Patti and Dave Moore from Columbia and [they] were the best. They made our national tournament special."

Although the team itself did not receive any trophies at Nationals, numerous players did receive honors. According to Coach Williams, five players received special honors.

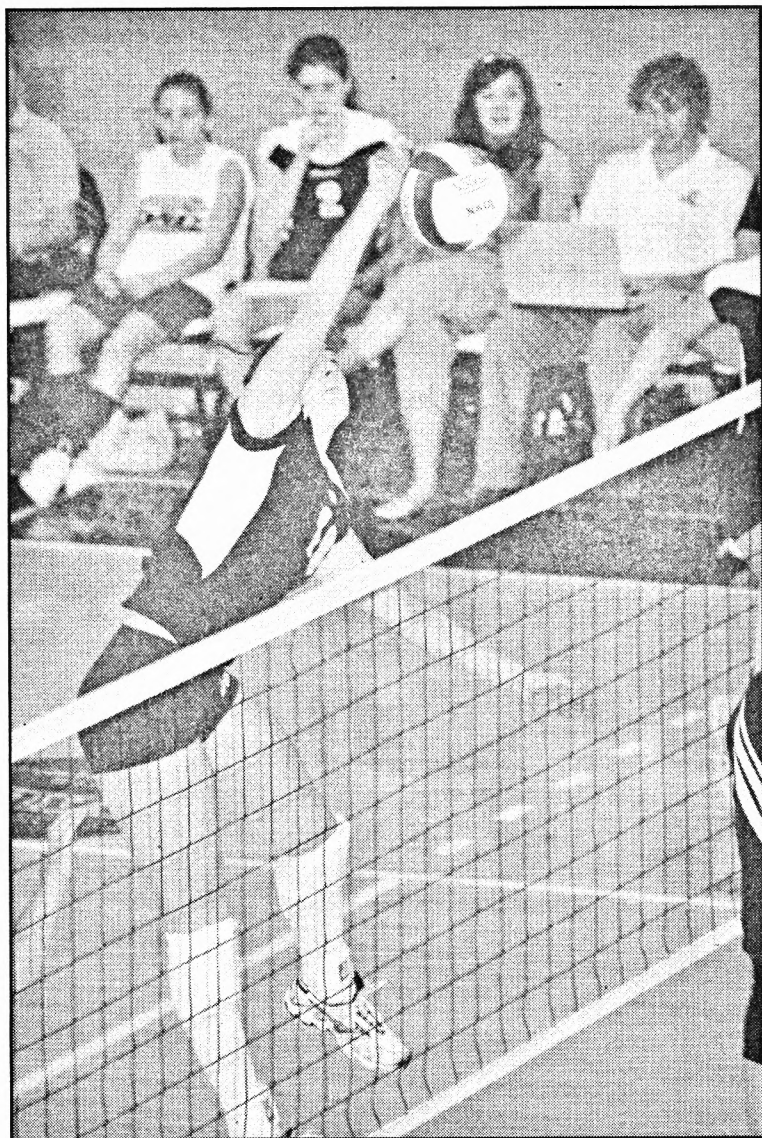
"We had Megan Gullickson and Michelle McFadden named All-American, and Amber McKean and Andrea Wulff were named All-American Scholar Athletes," Coach Williams said. "Also, Megan [Gullickson], Michelle McFadden, Katarina Stanojevic, and Amber McKean were named all conference and all region. It was a good year."

The players and their coach are looking forward to going back to Nationals and performing better next year.

"It's a great experience to be able to make it to Nationals, and seeing that as a freshman just makes me want to go back," Smith said. "I can't wait to go back ... hopefully next year."

Coach Williams said she was proud of her team for hanging together.

"They just played their roles



Michelle McFadden was one of two players earning All-American honors. McFadden was named All-American Honorable mention for the second straight year, while Megan Gullickson was named NAIA Third Team All-American. Both were also named CCAC First-Team All-Conference and NAIA First Team All-Region earlier this year.

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and helped the team any way they could," Coach Williams said. "I wanted them to have a great experience so they could see the level of play that we are up against at that level."

According to Coach Williams, only one player on the team had ever been to Nationals before: Megan Gullickson.

"Megan had made it her goal to get this team to nationals as

their setter. The first year she went, she was a defensive specialist her freshman year."

This was not the first time the Tigers have made an appearance at Nationals. This was the Tigers' fifth trip to Nationals. In 1997 and 1998, ONU hosted the event.



Coach Brenda Williams gives Katarina Stanojevic some advice during a match earlier this season. Coach Williams not only helped her team to the NAIA National Tournament but she also achieved her 600th win in her 11th season of coaching at Olivet.

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Letter to the Editor

Professor responds to the hypothetical race of Obama versus "Johnson"

Dear Editor,

In the Nov. 10, 2006 issue of the GlimmerGlass, you ran a Forum article by Joel Thomas titled "It Takes Money to be Elected." I skimmed the article and found, at first, that I agreed with most of the premises presented, although the content was, perhaps, a little superficial.

Then, I reached the ending and decided I needed to read the whole article thoroughly to see if I had missed something somewhere, something which would make Thomas's last paragraph palatable. I did not find anything.

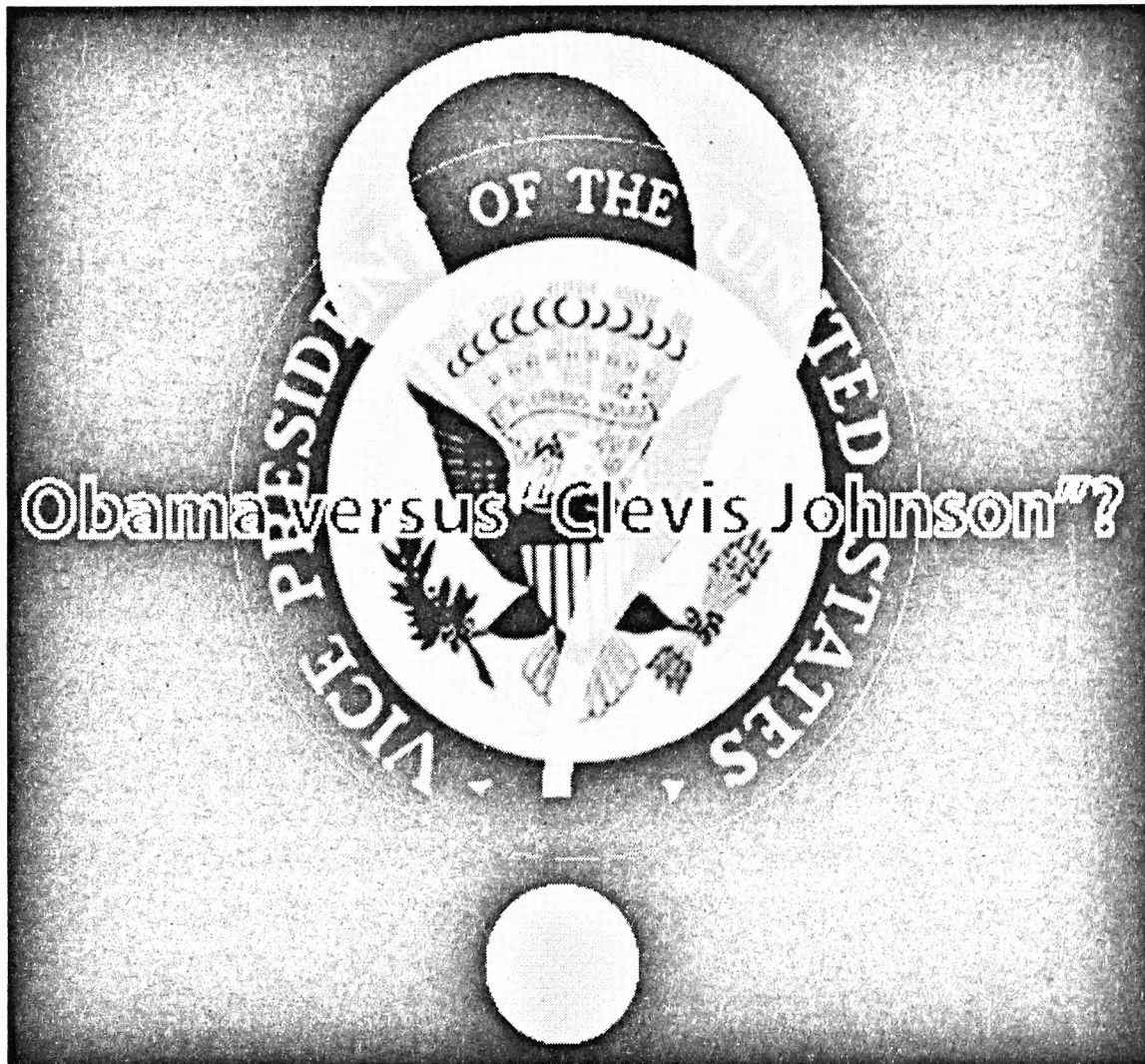
Thomas's last point is a question with an implied answer. The question asks if the reader would trade today's political playing field, which is by default, for the rich only, with one in which all, rich and poor, could participate. The problem is not in the question: it is in the example.

His hypothetical example pits the rich Barack Obama against a "Cleviss Johnson, a Kentucky born and raised high school dropout and moonshine maker."

The implication, of course, is that the hypothetical Cleviss is a typical example of the poor person who would run for office if a level playing field were established. I cry, "For Shame!" That a university-educated student would conflate poverty with undesirable social characteristics is unconscionable.

I trust that Mr. Thomas will make amends not only with the hypothetical Mr. Johnson, but also with the real poverty-stricken people who are educated, work at regular jobs, and long for a time when their voices can be heard in our government.

Sincerely,
Dr. Rebecca Belcher



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person who recognizes that he is saved by grace, not by works so that no one may boast. Yet, he also did not fall to antinomianism, which is Christianity without morality, and listened to Paul's words that say, "We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?" (Gal. 5:15)

Since Haggard has responded so appropriately,

many are questioning, "What about his ministry?" or even "Do ecclesiastical actions (actions done within the church) taken by hypocritical leaders have any value?" This question has a very sticky response. Paul says that if a person persists in sin, they are to be expelled from the community (1 Cor. 6), yet he also says a person should be restored gently (Gal. 6:1). These Pauline epistles

seemingly contradict one another.

However, if we look at the history of the church, we will be able to see that hypocrisy is not a new concept. We could probably go back to Peter and Paul's dispute over circumcision to see hypocrisy in Peter (Gal. 2:11-21), but we can instead look to Augustine and John Wesley.

Augustine wrote against the Donatists in the 5th century. The Donatists believed that the sacraments were not valid if administered by an unworthy minister. In the case above, the Donatists would say that all people baptized by Haggard, need to be re-baptized. Furthermore, the Eucharist was invalid every time

Haggard administered it. They would go so far as to say that the messages Haggard wrote had no value because he was a "sinner" and a hypocrite. The Donatists, like perhaps many people, believed that the Holiness of the church and the validity of the message were found in those who administered the sacrament. Augustine rebutted with the idea that the church was made holy, not on account of its

members, but on account of its head: Jesus Christ.

John Wesley

"If we look at the history of the church, we will be able to see that hypocrisy is not a new concept."

encountered a similar experience during the English reformation. Members of his methodist societies wanted to separate from the Church of England, and they claimed once again that communion was not valid if administered by a "wicked minister." To this idea, Wesley replied, "The

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unworthiness of the minister doth not hinder the efficacy of God's ordinance. The reason is plain; because the efficacy

is derived, not from him that administers, but from him that ordains it." Wesley concurred with Augustine in saying that righteousness comes from God, not man. So in instances of impure leadership, even to the point of hypocrisy, God can work in weakness.

Both of these men saw hypocrisy and fallen people within the Church, but they placed the power of the teachings in God, and not in the men bringing them. Haggard's ministry must still have had some redeeming qualities.

Though I want to be clear and say that a hypocrite should not be in charge of a church, as the sinful nature is in direct conflict with God (Rom. 8:1-17); Instead, I am willing to give God the glory for the good work a minister does in spite of his hypocrisy.

I do not want to induce a witch-hunt for hypocrites, though they should be corrected. Christians need to be mindful of how they judge (Matt 7:2-5). Mark Driscoll reminds us in, *The Relevant Church*, "The Church is people and that people are sinful, and therefore churches are messy."



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Hypocrisy and the Church

The Protestant church needs another Reformation

By Eric Paul

Forum writer

The Protestant Church got jacked in the face a few weeks ago. A few years back, we seemed to stand at a distance and remember the Reformation during the Catholic scandals, and we emerged relatively unscathed. After all, they were the Catholics.

Now, we're staring down the barrel of our own hypocrisy. The President of the National Association of Evangelicals, Ted Haggard, and Pastor of New Life Church in Colorado has stepped down from both positions after the acknowledgement of certain homosexual actions and alleged drug abuse. In the wake of such a public fallout, the Church has had to deal with a media blitz of questions. How should we respond? How will the public react? What will this do for Church integrity?

In other words, how can the Church still be the Church in view of such sin?

The answer, I believe, lies in what the Church is. We all know the terms: Body of Christ, Light of the World, People of God. We also acknowledge that holiness is not for just the individual, but also for the Body of Christ, Light of the World and People of God.

The Church forms a visible community that represents and embodies the risen Lord. That embodiment becomes the incarnation of God on earth. The life that Christ lived — the way in which he lived and the message that he proclaimed — becomes manifest then in those he left to be witnesses, which would be us. We are therefore the

catalyst for the Kingdom of God.

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One could make the argument that since the Church is made up of people who are less than holy that the Church is unholy. We cannot trust the Word of God to be delivered by sinners.

But I contend that those unholy members give the Church the opportunity to show its holiness. We all agree that hypocrisy is undesirable. To preach one thing and then to live the opposite sends a mixed message. In fact, that

is one of the main arguments against the Church. The world recognizes God's call "to be perfect" and then sees on the news the utter collapse of a leader's moral integrity.

An avid protester of gay marriage now caught up in a homosexual scandal. This may be the most vivid account, but we all know someone who is not part of the Church judging the Church by its own standards. And it hurts. It hurts to see the Church take a blow, because when the Church takes it hard, so does God. Remember, we are the embodiment of Jesus.

And while we agree that hypocrisy stings, can we not also agree that it gives the Church the opportunity to live out God's grace? When

a member falls, the Church forgives. When a believer loses hope, the Church encourages. When a man sins, the Church restores him. When the world becomes his enemy, the Church reaches out in love recognizing the mistake, disciplining in right proportion and offering him the grace that Christ offers each of us day to day.

By bearing this fruit, the world will know whose we are and what we preach. In his apology letter to his Church, Ted writes, "Because of the negative publicity I've created with my foolishness, we can now demonstrate to the world how our sick and wounded can be healed, and how even disappointed and betrayed church bodies can prosper and rejoice." Let us continue to strive for holiness in complete reliance on this type of grace, for it is a grace that makes us uncomfortable in our sin but assures us in our salvation.

God works in the midst of the Church's failure

By Ryan Quanstrom

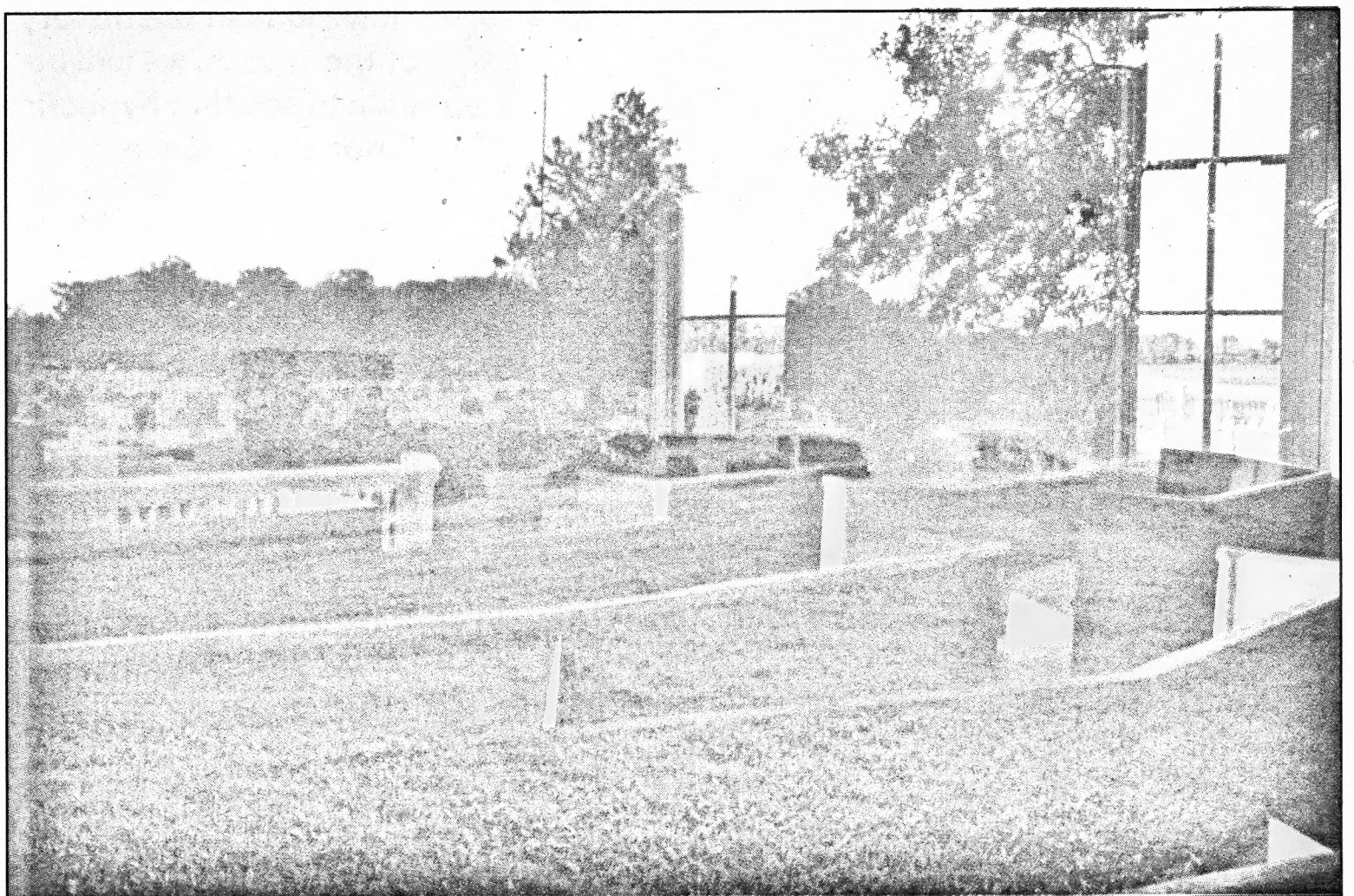
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Hypocrisy; to some people, this lifestyle does not even exist within the body that we call the Church. Hypocrites are obviously sinners and not Christians. Unfortunately, this view is hard to hold in light of the mishaps of Ted Haggard, the former President of the National Association of Evangelicals.

And since the Church seems to have people within its fold whose actions do not line up with their deeds, in all honesty, we must confess that some members of the Church are hypocrites.

Yet I should probably distill the term hypocrite. A hypocrite is someone who professes one thing and does another, so by all accounts, Haggard was for a long time a hypocrite, that is, until he publicly apologized for his actions.

The moment he confessed his sins to his congregation, he moved from being a hypocrite to being a



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